

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : Arik Elberse
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For : Method of Using a Web-Browser to Pass
Information from a First Web-Entity to One of
a Plurality of Second Web-Entities
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**REQUEST TO RE-OPEN PROSECUTION OF APPLICATION FOLLOWING
DECISION ON APPEAL DATED APRIL 9, 2009**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir,

This response is being filed in view of the Decision on Appeal dated April 7, 2009 but issued on April 9, 2009 in which there was a partial reversal of the Examiner and new grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 entered by the Board of Appeals and Interferences. In accordance with the options presented by the Board, the applicant has opted for the first option, that is, to reopen prosecution, and it is therefore requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims

1. (previously presented) A method of using a web-browser to pass information from one of a plurality of first web entities to a second web entity said web-browser being separate from said first and second web-entities and said one of a plurality of first web entities having no information about the second web entity, said method comprising the steps of:-

(i) receiving a pre-specified address of a redirection server, together with additional information, from the one of a plurality of first web entities at the web-browser;

(ii) forwarding an address of the second web-entity to the redirection server from the web-browser such that the redirection server redirects the web-browser to the second web-entity and

(iii) passing the additional information from the web-browser to the second web-entity.

2. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the one of a plurality of first web entities is a web-based information system.

3. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second web-entity is an information receiver.

4. (cancelled).

5. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step (ii) comprises forwarding the additional information to the redirection server together with the address of the second web-entity.

6. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the additional information comprises a telephone number and the second web-entity comprises a node in a telecommunications network.

7. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the additional information comprises television programme information and wherein the second web-entity comprises a video recorder.

8. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the address of the second web-entity is forwarded to the redirection server in a cookie from the web-browser.

9. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said additional information comprises instructions for an action to be performed at the second web entity.
10. (currently amended) A web-based information system arranged to provide items of information for receipt by an information receiver, said web-based information system comprising a communications network interface and a processor configured to:-
- (i) ~~an input arranged to receive instructions from a web-browser via the communications network interface such that an instruction to access and select~~ an item of information from a database ~~may be accessed and selected~~; said web-browser being separate from said web-based information system and said information receiver;
 - (ii) ~~an output arranged to forward via the communications network interface a~~ pre-specified address of a redirection server together with an item of information accessed from the database to the web-browser; ~~such that said web-based information system has~~ having no information about the information receiver.
11. (original) A web-based information system as claimed in claim 10 wherein said database of items comprises telephone numbers.
12. (currently amended) A method of operating a web-based information system which is arranged to provide items of information for receipt by an information receiver said method comprising the steps of:-
- (i) ~~receiving instructions from a web-browser via a communications network interface an instruction such that to access and select~~ an item of information from a database ~~is accessed and selected~~; said web-browser being separate from said web-based information system and said information receiver;
 - (ii) ~~forwarding to the web-browser via the communications network interface a~~ pre-specified address of a redirection server together with the accessed, selected item of information ~~to the web-browser~~; ~~such that said web-based information system~~ having no information about the information receiver.
13. (currently amended) A communications network comprising a web-based information system as claimed in claim 10 and at least one redirection server.
14. (cancelled).

15. (currently amended) A web server for redirecting a web-browser said web server comprising a communications network interface and a processor configured to:

(i) ~~an input arranged to~~ receive from the web-browser via a communications network interface an address of a web-entity together with additional information said additional information having been obtained from a web-based information system which has no information about the web-entity; said web-browser being separate from the web-server, the web-entity and the web-based information system; and

(ii) ~~a processor arranged to~~ redirect the web-browser to the web-entity such that in use the web-browser may send the additional information to the web-entity.

16. (currently amended) A web server as claimed in claim 15 wherein said ~~input processor~~ is arranged to receive a cookie from the web-browser via the communications network interface, said cookie containing the address of the web-entity.

17. (original) A web server as claimed in claim 15 wherein the web entity is itself a web server for redirecting a web-browser.

18. (cancelled).

19. (original) A method of using a web-browser to generate cookies for each of an information receiver, and a redirection server, said method comprising the steps of:-

(i) accessing the information receiver using the web-browser; and

(ii) automatically redirecting the web-browser to the redirection server.

20. (original) A method as claimed in claim 19 which further comprises repeating said step (ii) of automatically redirecting for one or more additional redirection servers.

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the further amendments above and comments which follow.

First of all, the applicant acknowledges the reversal as to certain claims, so that Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 19 and 20 appear to be in condition for allowance. Nothing further is therefore needed regarding these claims.

The Board of Appeals and Interferences has entered two new grounds of rejection of the application. First, the Board has rejected independent claims 10, 12 and 15, and their dependent claims, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Second, the Board has rejected Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as not being directed to statutory subject matter.

Taking last matters first, independent Claim 18 has been cancelled. No issue, therefore, remains regarding this claim.

Regarding the rejections of Claims 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, reconsideration is now requested in view of the amendments above and further comments below.

Independent Claims 10 and 15 have been amended as set forth above to remove reference to an input and output, and recite a processor and a communications network interface via which the receiving and forwarding are performed. While there is no explicit description of this subject matter in the specification, sufficient basis is found in the specification at page 1, lines 12-16, which states that a web entity is a device that can be connected to a communications network and that a web entity may be a web-based information system. Thus, if a web based information system is a communications network device, it is understood by one skilled in the art that there is a communications network interface and a processor.

The Board also commented that the claims appear to be more like "means plus function" claims. With the amendments above, it is believed that clearly that is not the case. It is therefore submitted that independent Claims 10 and 15, and their dependent claims, are now in proper form and are allowable.

Regarding independent Claim 12, the term "information receiver" is specifically referenced in the specification at length, and in particular at page 10, lines 24-29. It is also appears in Claims 10 and 15. As explained in the specification, it is a device,

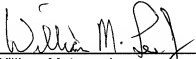
apparatus or processor to which it is required to send information from the web-based information service e.g., a video recorder or a telephone terminal. In view of the above and the amendments made to Claim 12, there does not appear to be any reason to further amend Claim 12, or Claims 10 and 15, with respect to the information receiver.

Finally, Claim 13 has been amended by adding the features of Claim 14 into Claim 13 and canceling Claim 14. This, it is believed, satisfies the comments set forth by the Board in the middle paragraph on page 17 of the Decision. By identifying the redirection server, Claim 13 clearly limits the base claim (Claim 10) from which it depends.

It is therefore submitted that, with the amendments and comments above, and in view of the Decision of the Board of Appeals and Interferences, all claims are now in condition for allowance. Further and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore urged.

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